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1. THE AUGUST 26 PEOPLE'S DAILY AND KUANGMING DAILY BOTH DEVOTE ONE-THIRD OF PAGE ONE TO A PHOTOGRAPH OF CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG SHAKING HANDS WITH SECRETARY VANCE, A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE AUGUST 25 AFTERNOON SESSION WITH HUA, AND A SHORT NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY (NCNA) ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING AND ITS PARTICIPANTS. THE PHOTOGRAPHS AND ARTICLE ARE RUN BENEATH THE HEADLINE "CHAIRMAN HUA MEETS SECRETRAY OF STATE VANCE" AND THE SUBHEADLINE "CHAIRMAN HUA EXTENDS A WELCOME TO SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE ON HIS VISIT TO CHINA AND HAS A SIGNIFICANT CONVERSATION WITH HIM ON QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST".

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2. THE NCNA ARTICLE ALSO NOTES THAT SECRETARY VANCE CONVEYED TO CHAIRMAN HUA PRESIDENT CARTER'S REGARDS AND THAT CHAIRMAN HUA REQUESTED THAT SECRETARY VANCE CONVEYED HIS OWN REGARDS TO PRESIDENT CARTER. THE ARTICLE IS DEVOTED OTHERWISE EXCLUSIVELY TO LISTING THE NAMES OF THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS IN THE SESSION.

3. BOTH NEWSPAPERS CARRY ON PAGE FOUR AN ACCOUNT OF THE KFAREWELL BANQUET HOSTED BY SECRETARY AND MRS. VANCE ON THE EVENING OF AUGUST 25. THE ACCOUNT IDENTIFIES THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE BANQUET, NOTES THAT HUANG HUA AND SECRETARY VANCE HAD HELD TALKS ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 25, MENTIONS THAT MRS. VANCE HAD VISITED THE PEKING MUNICIPAL SPARE-TIME SPORTS SCHOOL FOR JUNIORS, AND CARRIES EXTENSIVE QUOTES FROM THE TWO TOASTS.

4. THE ARTICLE QUOTES THE FOLLOWING PORTIONS OF SECRETARY VANCE'S TOAST: QUOTE I WILL REPORT TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON MY RETURN HOM THAT THIS HAS BEEN A GOOD VISIT. IN MY MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN HUA, VICE PREMIER TENG AND FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG WE HAVE HAD A VERY SERIOUS AND CANDID EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MANY IMPORTANT ISSUES, GLOBAL AND BILATERAL. I BELIEVE WE HAVE ENHANCED OUR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND CONFIRMED IMPORTANT POINTS OF COMMON INTEREST ... IN THE ADMINISTRATIONS FIRST COMPREHENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP I MADE CLEAR THAT THE STARTING POINT OF OUR POLICY IS THAT WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AND TO PROGRESS TOWARD THE GOAL OF FULL NORMLAIZATION OF RELATIONS. I LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THIS AND OTHER ISSUES IN THE MONTHS AHEAD". UNQUOTE

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5. THE FOLLOWING PORTIONS OF FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG'S TOAST ARE QUOTED: QUOTE IN THESE FEW SHORT DAYS, OUR TWO SIDES HELD MANY TALKS ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST. ESPECIALLY, DURING THIS PERIOD, CHAIRMAN AND PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG AND VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING MET SEPARATELY WITH MR VANCE AND HAD EARNEST AND SIGNIFICANT CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM. SUCH DIRECT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN CHINESE AND U.S. LEADERS TO ENHANCE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING IS OF BENEFIT TO BOTH SIDES ... AS WE HAVE REPEATEDLY POINTED OUT, CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS, OUR TWO SIDES HAVE DIFFERENT IDEOLOGIES, AND NATURALLY THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF PRINCIPLE BETWEEN US, BUT IN THE PRSENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION OUR TWO COUNTRIES FACE QUESTIONS OF COMMON CONCERN AND HAVE QUITE A FEW POINTS IN COMMON. WE BELIEVE THAT SINO-US RELATIONS WILL SURELY MOVE FORWARD STEADILY AS DESIRED BY BOTH OUR PEOPLES SO LONG AS BOTH SIDES MAKE SINCERE EFFORTS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. UNQUOTE

6. THE HUA-VANCE PHOTOS WERE BLACK AND WHITE, NOT COLOR AS THE PRECEDING DAY'S PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE TENG-VANCE MEETING. WOODCOCK

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